

James Monroe to Andrew Jackson, September 5, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SECRETARY MONROE TO JACKSON.1

1 War Dept. files. Another copy of this letter, dated Sept. 7, 1814, is in the Jackson MSS.

War Department, September 5, 1814.

Sir, Your letter of August 10th has been received.

The avowed objects of the Enemy, and the recent outrages, of all principles of civilized warfare, warrant a belief and expectation that they will make their devastations as extensive as their means will enable them.

The writer of the enclosed copy of a communication without signature, is known, and is entitled to credit.²

2 The letter here referred to has not been identified in the Jackson MSS.

Your most prompt attention, and vigorous operations will be required in the lower country. All the friendly Indians should be organized, and prepared to cooperate with your other forces. There appears to be some disaffection among the choctaws. Their friendship and services, should be secured without delay. The friendly Indians must be fed and paid, and made to fight, when and where their services may be required. It is desirable you should repair to New Orleans as soon as your arrangements can be accomplished, in the other parts of the District, unless circumstances should render another point more eligible.

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I have the honor etc.